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1. Soviet engineers and architects have worked out a new city plan for Sofia which calls for enlarging the downtown section of Sofia and surrounding it by parks.
2. Streetcars will be re-routed. Previously all except the No. 6 line passed through Lenin Square, but according to the new system no streetcars will go through this square. The No. 3 and No. 4 lines will pass through Dragoman Street, thus eliminating the large open food market where farmers and TKZS (Labor Cooperative Agrarian Farm) members have sold their wares every Friday previously. The No. 3 and No. 4 lines will enter Dragoman Street by using a street off Dondukov Boulevard called Bacho Kiro Street, and by using Iskŭr and Ekzarkh Yosif Streets.
3. The new plans also call for the demolition of Sveta Nedelya Church, and the construction of a 12-story building for the Bulgarian-Soviet Association in its place.

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